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In the Application of)
O'Brien et al.) Group Art Unit: 3728
on DIODE CUTOFF AND SAFE)
PACKAGING METHOD FOR)
TEXTILE DETONATING CORD)
Serial No.: 10/645,369)
Filed: August 21, 2003) (Our Docket No. 6938-0002)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: